

LAW & JUSTICE GROUP ADMINISTRATION

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I. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Law and Justice Group Executive Committee is to enhance the quality of life, provide for the safety of all citizens, and promote the principles of justice within San Bernardino County by coordinating resources and services, including justice facilities and information management.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

This group is made up of the following departments: District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff/Coroner, Probation and Superior Court.

III. DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

The Law and Justice Group Executive Committee relies upon the collaboration of its member agencies: District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff/Coroner, Probation and Superior Court. These agencies focus resources toward the common goal of providing a fair, just and efficient judicial process. The Executive Committee was formed in 1984, in recognition that the departments are integral components of the county criminal justice system. The Law & Justice Group fosters communication between the departments, and together they develop solutions to operational problems of mutual interest.

IV. 2005-06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

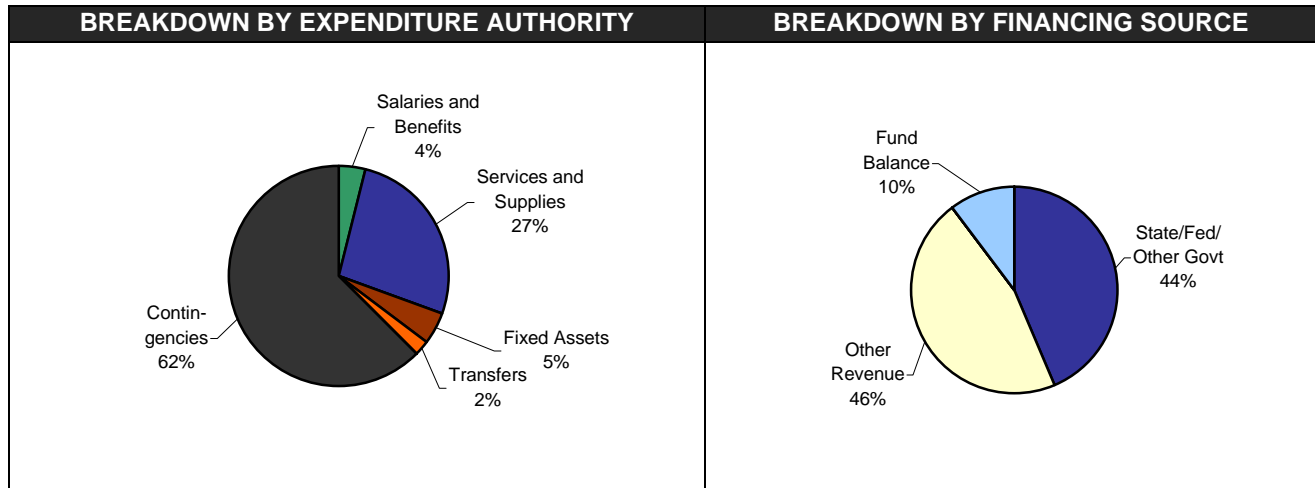
- Expanded the electronic information sharing project to include transmittal of data and documents from the Sheriff's Department to the District Attorney.
- Implemented the county's *Strategic Plan on Gangs*.
- Purchased video editing equipment for the Sheriff's video production unit, which produces law enforcement training videos and multimedia training materials for state, federal, city and other county agencies.
- Purchased a new digital lab and film processing system for the Sheriff's scientific investigations division.
- Continued the Juvenile Accountability Program which provides funding for a juvenile court hearing officer and a legal processing assistant.
- Purchased two teleconferencing units at West Valley Detention Center for the Public Defender to communicate with their clients.
- Provided funding for the Probation Department to implement polygraph tests as part of its sex offender management program.
- Provided funding for a mental health court coordinator for the Superior Court.

V. 2006-07 SUMMARY OF BUDGET UNITS

	2006-07				
	Appropriation	Revenue	Local Cost	Fund Balance	Staffing
General Fund:					
Law & Justice Group Administration	147,302	5,000	142,302		1.0
Special Revenue Funds:					
2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	2,014	-		2,014	-
2003 US BJA Congressional Mandate Award	330,458	309,902		20,556	-
COPS Technology Grant	246,661	246,661		-	-
2005 Justice Assistance Grant	61,400	385		61,015	-
Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative	2,398,468	2,109,674		288,794	-
2006 Justice Assistance Grant	620,245	620,245		-	-
TOTAL	3,806,548	3,291,867	142,302	372,379	1.0



VI. 2006-07 BUDGET



VII. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

GOAL 1: REDUCE THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO MOVE CASES THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Objective A: Increase the number of criminal cases that are electronically filed.

MEASUREMENT	2005-06 (Actual)	2006-07 (Projected)	2006-07 (Estimated)	2007-08 (Projected)
1A. Percent of cases e-filed	10%	15%	10%	12%

Status

Ongoing development and testing of criminal case e-filing system continues. A recent analysis and evaluation to consider expanding e-filing to other jurisdictions and additional case types revealed additional design changes, which are currently in development.

GOAL 2: INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING RECEIVED FOR LAW AND JUSTICE GROUP PROJECTS.

Objective A: Identify new grant opportunities.

MEASUREMENT	2005-06 (Actual)	2006-07 (Projected)	2006-07 (Estimated)	2007-08 (Projected)
2A. Percentage of L&J Group expenditures with grant funding sources.	64%	18%	60%	60%

Status

The county's grant research contract with eCivis has been a useful tool in the search for new grant opportunities. The 2005 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grant and Justice Assistance Grant resulted in \$1.5 million to the law and justice agencies.



GOAL 3: REDUCE THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF GANG-RELATED CRIMES ON THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY.

Objective A: Implement the strategic plan on gangs to reduce gang activity.

MEASUREMENT	2005-06 (Actual)	2006-07 (Projected)	2006-07 (Estimated)	2007-08 (Projected)
3A. Average gang related arrests per sweep.	11	48	9	10
3B. New gang members identified per sweep.	8	3	5	5

Status

Proactive enforcement and identification of gang members and their trends continues. Gang units have been created in the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, and Probation Department to combat gang problems in the county. Statistics show that 1,012 cases were filed from all areas (Central, Victorville, Rancho and Fontana) in 2005-06. There were 419 state prison commitments with a total of 2,272 years of state prison, including six life terms. Estimates for the average number of gang related arrests per sweep are now based on the actual number of gang related arrests that occurred in 2005-06, rather than the 48 projected for 2006-07 based on the first two sweeps.

VIII. 2006-07 APPROVED ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND FINANCING (POLICY ITEMS)

The department did not have any approved policy items for 2006-07.

IX. 2007-08 REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND FINANCING (POLICY ITEMS)

The department is not requesting any additional general fund financing for 2007-08.

X. 2007-08 PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENTS

The department is not requesting any proposed fee adjustments for 2007-08.

If there are questions about this business plan, please contact Sue Morales, Administrative Analyst, at (909) 387-0630.

